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## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/17/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 04/17/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/17/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/17/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/17/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/17/2006
- Specification filed on 04/17/2006
- Claims filed on 04/17/2006
- Abstracts filed on 04/17/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
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**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

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